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Dear Mr Griffiths Poved

AUDIT REVIEW OF GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Thank you for your letter of 14 June 2000 regarding the Report of the Audit Review of Government Contracts: Contracting, Privatisation, Probity and Disclosure in Victoria 1992-99. You were concerned that the Audit Review ignored the co-operative sector.

You can be assured that the Government recognises the important role the cooperative sector plays in Victoria.

As I noted on releasing this Report, the Government expects to announce, by August, clearly defined protocols for the public disclosure of commercial dealings. These protocols will apply equally to dealings with the co-operative sector as to the corporate and wider private sector.

Once again, thank you for bringing these matters to my attention.

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Yours sincerely

STEVE BRACKS MP

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